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# Jorns discusses long-term goals

By CHAD GALLAGHER  
Staff writer

President David Jorns Tuesday discussed with the Faculty Senate long-term Strategic Plan goals such as mandatory off-campus studies, increasing study abroad programs and raising salaries from the lowest to highest among comparable schools.

While several senate members questioned the practicality of achieving the numerous long-term changes, mostly citing a lack of funding,



David Jorns

Jorns admitted the proposed goals were challenging and intended to prompt reactional input.

"If we don't set goals, it will never happen," Jorns said in his hour-long discussion with the senate. "Maybe certain things won't work, but something better may also come out of the attempt."

"I am very satisfied with our progress in the last few years — that we are pulling together, and students like this place," he said. "Let's not stop, but rather raise the bar a little bit."

One Strategic Plan goal would require undergraduate students to participate in real-world, off-campus activities like internships, study abroad or community service.

"All students benefit from actual experiences in their disciplinary areas," Jorns said.

Senate member Lankford

Walker asked if the requirement would raise student costs or deter students from graduating in four years.

Jorns said student costs would not change because the requirement and off-campus work would be equivalent to one semester's work.

Another proposed goal Jorns explained was to increase graduate-level study abroad programs, even possibly require foreign study.

"That's my hobby — I'll take credit or blame for that," he said.

Maintaining a consistent student body population while fostering both native and transfer students was another goal of the plan.

Senate member John Best asked if transfer students would be increased or decreased. Maintaining a consistent student population by increasing transfer students, Best said, may be a drawback because transfer students take different routes and do not satisfy some Eastern requirements.

Jorns said Eastern will likely not change its transfer enrollment, which has been slightly decreasing over the last five years.

"Transfer students are a wonderful contribution," Jorns said. "At Eastern, we see ourselves as a traditional, four-year school. We feel for a student to have the full Eastern experience, it is desirable to have them here four years."

Senate member Gary Foster

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IKUYA KURATA/Staff Photographer

## Burn baby, burn

Dylan E. Collins, a graduate sculpture major, welds a steel sculpture, titled "Self-Portrait," Tuesday afternoon in the Sculpture Studio.

# Talks brew regarding fall break

## Faculty Senate hears calendar change proposal

By CHAD GALLAGHER  
Staff writer

A joint resolution by the Faculty and Student senates may revive fall break, giving students a Friday off during October in 1998-2000.

In 1993, fall break was deemed unnecessary and eliminated giving the fall semester 74 total class days as opposed to 73 class days in spring semester.

"When the calendar was changed I didn't think it would do anything," said Student Body President Jason Anselment, who authored the resolution. "But I've seen tensions build during the long fall stretch

with no days off."

Anselment said his main intention of reinstating the break was to help attendance, which he said has been lacking.

"My interest is in increasing productivity and attendance," he said. "It is my hope that this one day off will refresh students and help attendance."

Faculty Senate Chair Gail Richard agreed the day off would boost attendance because many students take a day off during the long fall stretch of class days.

"Students take a fall break anyway, it is just not

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# AB proposal requires constitutional change

By MINDY BUYCK  
Student government editor

Apportionment Board Chair Lance Phillips said he does not support a proposed student senate resolution that would dissolve the AB and put the duties of allocating student activity fee money under a senate committee.

Phillips said the resolution would require the senate to change the Student Body Constitution, which would require a student body referendum. According to the student body constitution, the AB is student faculty board and the student body vice president for financial affairs must serve as the AB chair.

Phillips said dissolving the AB would require parts of the constitution to be deleted.

Amendments to the consti-

tution must be passed by a two-thirds majority of students who vote.

"I have no problem with change," Phillips said. "Change happens everyday." Phillips said he wants the senate consider the responsibilities the AB has. AB members budget money, attend University Board committee meetings and serve as ex-officio members to UB and the Division of Sports and Recreation.

"I'm not saying it's impossible, but it's a lot of responsibility," Phillips said.

Phillips said he is worried that the senate would be setting a precedent by changing the constitution. The UB also is recognized as a student/faculty board in the same article of the constitution as AB. Phillips said

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## Interpreting art

Jade Smith, a senior Shilon high school student, appreciates a piece of art during a Tarble Arts Center tour Tuesday morning at the Sculpture Studio.







# Dress code sparks arbitration hearing

By JESSICA BAKER  
Administration editor

The Human Resource Department and the Local 981 Clerical Technical Union are in arbitration over the implementation of a dress code in Old Main's Business and Purchasing Offices.

Anita Thomas, the chapter chair for the union, said the Human Resource Department and the union had the first arbitration hearing last Wednesday, and a decision will be made in two to three months.

"We are in arbitration because either side of the issue can't come to an agreement," Thomas said. "This is over the dress code issue because the union members believe it is a bargaining issue and the university does not."

Thomas said the union believes the dress code is a bargaining issue because it deals with an economic issue.

"It is an economic issue because the department is asking people to buy clothes to keep in guidelines of the dress code," she said. "We also believe it is a discipline issue because we think the union still needs to bargain with the university on the issue."

David Riddle, the head of the Business Office, declined to comment because the issue is in arbitration.

Last May, the Human Resource Department implemented the dress code in both the Business and Purchasing Offices to include no jeans, halter tops, skirts too short or too tight and T-shirts with cigarette logos.

Teresa Sims, the union's chief steward, said the two parties have already filed grievances with the Business Office and Human Resources, so the next step in filing a complaint with the Human Resources Department is arbitra-

tion.

"Union members filed a grievance or a complaint to the Business Office and the Human Resource Department because we thought it was going against our contract and we believe it was a subject to bargain with," Sims said.

Thomas said the union went through the American Arbitration Association to find an arbitrator to hear both sides of the case.

"Both parties chose between five arbitrators to hear the case," Thomas said. "After the arbitrator was picked, he heard both sides of the case. The arbitrator heard testimony from both sides of the issue."

She said the lawyers on both sides have to write briefs and hand them into the arbitrator to look at while making his decision on the case.

"The arbitrator's decision is binding, which means what he says goes," Thomas said.

Sims said union members last April voted unanimously to continue with the casual dress attire in both the Business and Purchasing Offices.

Sims said 13 members last year were eligible to vote and voted against the dress code. She said currently there are 40 people working in both offices.

"Right now there are 15 people from the Business Office who are in the union and two people from the Purchasing Office also are in the Union," Sims said.

Thomas said she isn't affected by the dress code, but had no comment on what she thinks about it since the issue is still under arbitration.

On Jan. 27, the Board of Trustees approved a three-year labor contract with a one-year only wage agreement that will give most technical and clerical workers a 60 cents per hour increase effective, July 1 of last year.

## Council approves renovation loan

By BRITT CARSON  
City editor

The Charleston City Council approved an ordinance to loan \$100,000 from the Tax Increment Finance fund to Richard and Rebecca Sandefer so they can purchase and renovate the building located at 513 Seventh Street.

The ordinance passed with an amendment that the building be appraised and the proper collateral be provided to the city for the loan to be approved. The building formerly was known as Little Mexico.

Richard Sandefer, owner of the T-Shirt Factory, said he intends to turn the building into an antique mini-mall.

"We want to turn the lower level into an antique mini-mall with gift items and will rent out spaces to

antique dealers," Sandefer said. "We also want to turn part of it into a coffee shop with flavored coffees and teas and fresh pastries."

Sandefer said he found, through research, that antique shops are successful throughout the state. Sandefer also said most antique shoppers are willing to drive a long way for antiques.

The Sandefers plan on using their own money and turning the upstairs into apartments.

This is the first time the city has approved a loan through the TIF funds as a mortgage. The TIF funds come out of the sales tax generated in the TIF district, which is the area around the square downtown.

"I think this is a precedent," Mayor Dan Cougill said. "The TIF Board is expanding their wings a little more and the city will benefit by their efforts."



IKUYA KURATA/Staff Photographer

### Images and ideas

Pat Collins, a junior Speech Communications major, views art of three solo exhibitions, titled "Order: Disorder; Perceptions of Reality" Tuesday afternoon in the Tarble Arts Center.

## Memorial services planned

By JESSICA BAKER  
Administration editor

Memorial services for a former director of Career Planning and Placement Center will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston.

Mr. James F. "Jay" Knott, 72, of Charleston, died Friday in the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. Rev. Mark Krause will be officiating the memorial services. The burial will be at a later date in the Island Grove Cemetery at St. Paul's Lutheran Church near Wheeler.

There has been no visitation planned. The Harper-Swickard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

"He always had a smile on his face," said Shirley Stewart, director of Career Services.

Mr. Knott joined Eastern's staff in 1957 and worked in various positions around campus. For 28 years, he was the director of Career Services until his retirement in 1988. Stewart took over his position as director when he retired.

"He was a pleasant man who had strong relationships with employees in the state and out of the state," Stewart said. "He was respected in the field."

Mr. Knott graduated from Eastern Illinois State Teachers College High School in 1942. He served in

the Air Force and flew 30 combat missions with the Eighth Air Force from 1942 to 1945.

Mr. Knott and his wife Delores were among the first five married couples to graduate in 1949 from Eastern Illinois State Teachers College after the war.

He received his master's degree from Northwestern University in Evanston in 1952 and his doctorate in business education from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb in 1970.

Mr. Knott taught at Lawrenceville High School from 1949 to 1953 and for the Vocational Institute at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale from 1953 to 1954. He also taught business at Bloomington High School from 1954 to 1955, and then joined State Farm Insurance in Bloomington.

After he retired in 1988, Mr. Knott started a job as a travel agent with the Charleston Travel Bureau.

He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Charleston, the Charleston Country Club and the Charleston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1592. He also was a former member of the Charleston School Board and was a past president of the American Heart Association. Memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund or the American Heart Association.

### Correction



IBE MASAYUKI/Staff photographer

Herease Frazier, a speech pathologist, talks about the diversity of communication disorders in Chicago public schools, Monday evening in the Clinical Services Building in conjunction with African American Heritage Month. Because of a technical error the photo was printed incorrectly in the Tuesday edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. *The News* regrets the error.

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# Opinion page

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## Faculty should not be required to move into residence halls

The administration's recent plan to move faculty into the residence halls will not benefit professors or students.

The proposal, submitted by a subcommittee of the Council on University Planning and Budgeting as part of the university's strategic plan, is aimed to increase interaction between students and faculty.

### Editorial

But students and faculty already interact on a regular basis. Faculty and students work together in the classrooms. Faculty advise students about their class schedules and their majors. Faculty are the advisers for student activities. Most faculty are available any time students need help. Some teachers even give students their home telephone numbers.

Isn't that enough interaction?

Bill Schnackel, director of housing and dining services, said if faculty move into residence halls, students will be able to get help or advice whenever they need it.

Students already know they can get help from their teachers whenever they need help.

At college, students learn, probably more than anything else, how to be independent. Moving faculty out of their homes, and in many cases, away from their families, will not help students learn to become independent.

Most students like their professors. But most students also think of their professors as authority figures and authority figures often pose a threat to independence. One of the reasons students go to college is to learn to be independent.

And what faculty members will want to move out of their houses and into a room no larger than their bathrooms? What faculty members would want to give up hot showers, quiet atmosphere and home-cooked meals to live in Carman or Taylor halls? Not many. Most students try to get out of the residence halls as soon as they can. It's doubtful faculty members would want to move in.

Faculty and student interaction is important. But faculty members aren't so out of touch with students' lives that they need to move into the residence halls to find out what students do when they are not in class.

The proposal is silly. The administration should strike the plan from its list of strategic goals.

“today's quote

A house is a machine for living in.

—Charles Edouard Jeanneret

Those of you used to giving your money to others to spend as they please (e.g. strict altruists, Democrats) need not read any further. The rest of you need to know about the Apportionment Board.

The AB, with Student Government and University Board, is one third of that barely understood or cared about organization whose job it is to dispense student money. Unlike Student Government, however, the eight members of the AB are not elected. And unlike the UB, the AB doesn't do anything useful (like solicit bands and performers). The AB's only job (hence the name) is to apportion student money where it deems necessary. Those last three words should pique your interest.

For a group of people supposedly convened to give out money in students' best interest, the AB is remarkably homogeneous in make-up. Excepting Lance Phillips (those of you who went to any Student Government meetings last semester will recognize Lance as the one executive not in attendance, as he had another time commitment. Don't worry, though, I think he still collected his tuition waiver), the AB is a rather lily-white organization. Lance, when he defeated John Treadway (of Delta Tau Delta fraternity) for student vice president for financial affairs, also made himself an exception in a long line of student vice presidents for financial affairs who were members of Delta Tammay Delta (Matt Herman, Jeff Kocis, Blake Wood, Ron Carmona, etc.).

AB, for school year 1996-1997, got \$29 per full-time student for budgeting purposes. Its budget, including money allocated to UB, Student Government and the Division of Sports and Recreation, ended up being \$310,000. The Rec Center portion of this pie was \$111,000, almost all of which (92 percent) went to paying student workers (presumably so they could earn money while doing homework and think up clever lines like “pick up your weights, your mom doesn't work here”). This leaves a whopping \$199,000 for the UB and Student Senate (minus the AB's allocation of \$36,990 to itself) to improve the overall quality of life here on campus. The UB, with its \$137,165 seems to work quite hard at doing just that. While the much maligned UB is annually flayed for its concert choice (or, in past years, lack of choice) — it is obviously quite hard to select one performer who satisfies all of the people all of the time — UB coordinators work hard to make up for this shortcoming by offering mini concerts, movies, lectures and other special events. The senate gets \$24,791 for its concerns, \$12,312 of which goes to senate executives' tuition waivers, while the other \$12,479 is craftily divided between such critical expenditures as photocopying (\$2,525), travel (\$1,296) and office supplies (\$600).

All of this money comes from an AB approved budget that



TRAVIS MCDADE  
Regular columnist

“The AB's only job (hence the name) is to apportion student money where it deems necessary.”

contains the aforementioned three groups' requests for allocation with AB's cuts (a seeming random affair) taken out. Last year AB trimmed 11.6 percent from the senate's requests; 13.7 percent from Sports and Recreation; and fully 19.2 percent of UB's budgetary requests. From AB's own request (and this makes as much sense as Congress voting on a pay raise for itself) the board cut out only 1.8 percent. Just what does it

spend its money on? Phillips is the only senate executive who has a paid student secretary.

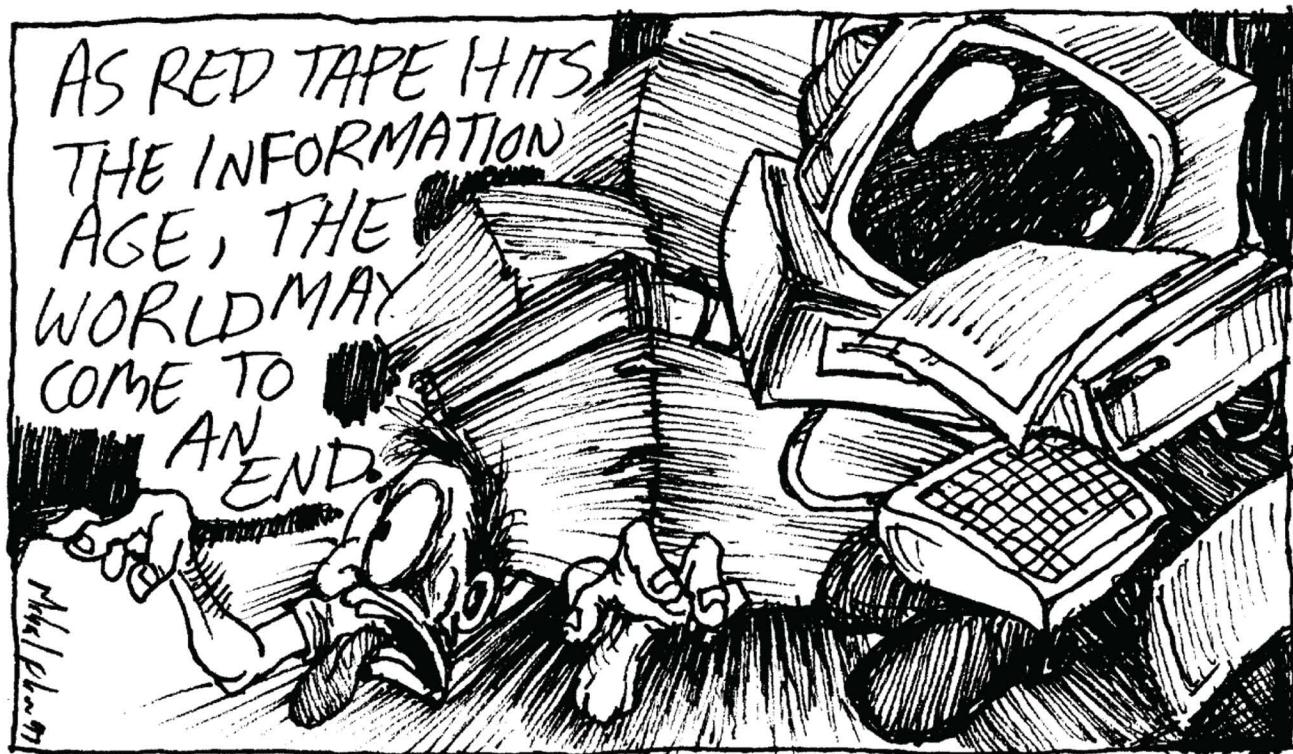
What makes the idea of AB particularly insulting is that its supposed power to allocate student money is actually nonexistent. Consider this example. Last Spring the senate requested \$1,200 on the Graduate Student Advisory Council behalf in order to fund a newsletter. The AB struck this from senate's budget request under the arbitrary logic that it would be inappropriate to fund a recognized student organization, although this has always been one of AB's functions (indeed Phillips is currently exerting much steam in order to get RSOs to ask for their money at least one year in advance). The senate, in its infinite wisdom, overruled AB's decision (making them functionally impotent) and GSAC got the money.

At the senate meeting tonight senate members will begin discussion on a Jen Daulby-submitted, Brian Anderson-authored bylaw change that will eliminate the pointless AB. This bylaw change will put control of student funds back in the hands of elected representatives and away from the caprices of the AB. While “senate-controlled” anything may not strike confidence in the hearts of students, it at least puts our money where we can get at it. The good old predictable senate will be meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in Thomas Hall Lobby; if you happen to be around and would like to voice your opinion, I'm certain they'd love to hear from you.

In these exciting and turbulent years of our college lives many things should be, and are, unpredictable and shock-inducing. What happens to our (parents') hard earned money is not one of them. We should be able to count on the sun coming up, the ethics of Jason Anselment, the lack of humor in *The Daily Eastern News'* political cartoons and student money spent in a reliable and consistent manner.

A while back, the Washington Redskins had an unreliable point after touchdown kicker who, according to the team owner, had “put the excitement back into PATs.” In a modern university environment some things should be sober and unexciting. Like, for example, what happens to our \$300,000.

—Travis McDade is regular bi-monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News* and a graduate student of history.



## Student disapproves of prisoner's request for correspondence

Dear editor:

Since I have been on campus, I have read *The Daily Eastern News* literally everyday. When I turn to the editorial page, I sometimes agree but most often disagree with the opinions being presented to us. When I read the Jan. 31 editorial page, not only did I disagree with the letter, but I was appalled.

The letter was from an Arizona State inmate claiming that life on Death Row isn't fun. He also claims that it is lonely. My question is: Isn't Death Row supposed to be lonely

## your turn

and uneventful? For the guy to be on Death Row, he surely didn't steal candy from a baby. The pain and suffering that he is going through is more than well deserved.

I pray that any intelligent person that read the Jan. 31 letter refuses to respond to the prisoner's request. Not only will you be helping out a man that deserves less than nothing, but you may be putting your life in danger as well. Let this man live that life that he has chosen for himself.

Jim Geovanes  
senior physical education  
major

## Letter policy

The *Daily Eastern News* encourages letters to the editor concerning local, state, national or international issues.

Letters should be less than 350 words. For the letter to be printed, the name of the author, the author's address, telephone number, year in school and current major must be included.

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Anonymous letters will not be printed. If a letter has more than three authors, only the names of the first three will be printed.



# Proposal could eliminate AB

## Senator absence bylaw also reviewed tonight

By MINDY BUYCK  
Student government editor

The Student Senate Wednesday will review a proposal that would eliminate the Apportionment Board to make senate members more accountable to students.

The proposal is one of six submitted by Brian Anderson, student vice president for public affairs, and senate member Jennifer Daulby.

The senate will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Thomas Hall lobby.

Under Anderson's and Daulby's plan, a proposed Committee on Appropriations would gain the responsibilities of allocating the student activity fee. Currently the AB allocates student-fee money.

The committee would be made of five senate members, three students, three faculty members, the director of student services, the account technician and the student vice president for financial affairs.

Another proposed bylaw change states that student senate members would be removed from the senate if they accumulate four absences, excused or unexcused, during a semester. Currently, senate members are allowed three unexcused absences and limitless excused absences.

Another proposal would remove senate members who, on three separate occasions, do not complete the required one office hour per week or who fail to attend assigned recognized student organization meetings.

The changes also would rearrange the current senate committee structure. The proposal would eliminate, rename, create and change responsibilities of existing committees.

This proposal also gives the senate speaker more flexibility regarding when to deliver the State of the Senate address.

The changes also would require the senate to approve all expenditures over \$10.

The senate also will continue discussing an AB bylaw addition that would provide recognized student organizations a chance to receive funding for events or programs.

The senate has tabled the bylaw at its past two meetings. AB Chair Lance Phillips said at least 10 senate members have spoken with him since the meeting.

If approved the bylaw will create a sixth account for organizations event funding. The bylaw would take money away from other boards, however, Phillips said this will give other organizations a chance to put on their own

events.

According to the bylaw, the event must enhance the culture of Eastern or be of interest to a significant number of students.

The senate also will vote on a joint senate resolution that would create a fall semester break during October. The Faculty Senate Tuesday tabled the resolution for further review.

The senate also will vote on a resolution that supports a proposal to put laser printers in Lumpkin Hall and charge students 10 cents per copy. Students will be able to purchase a punch-card that they will use to pay for the copies. The tentative cost of the cards is \$10.

Senate member Steve Zielinski authored the resolution and said the senate should support the plan to keep the costs from coming out of the student technology-fee. Zielinski said the resolution also will include recommendations that the punch cards be made available in \$5 or \$1 increments and be available for purchase in Lumpkin Hall.

The senate also will appoint a new senate member to fill senate member Priscilla Tinker's position. Senate Speaker Erin Weed said Tinker will be resigning from the senate for personal reasons. Senate member Angie Allison will be appointed chair of the student awareness committee.

# Scented ads raise a stink in Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Alcohol ads in bus shelters that give passengers a whiff of a lemon-scented drink are raising a stink in Australia.

Bacardi-Martini Pacific has scent dispensers in 90 bus shelters in Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane ready to advertise Bacardi Limon, a lemony, 35-percent alcohol drink.

People entering the shelters trigger motion detectors, setting off 20-second bursts of fragrance — all lemon, no

liquor — every three minutes.

Victoria state authorities are moving to ban the Melbourne campaign. And Warwick Murphy, a spokesman for the substance abuse agency Drug-Arm Victoria, called the ads irresponsible, and risky for recovering alcoholics: "For some of them, they only need one whiff of it." Bacardi described the campaign as innovative and said the response is "out of proportion." However, the company has delayed the Melbourne ads.

# Crash victims' bodies found in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Rescuers found the bodies of a couple and their 1-year-old daughter Tuesday in the wreckage of a small plane that crashed on a glacier near Mount McKinley.

The single-engine Piper Tri-

Pacer was found at the 3,000-foot level. It was not immediately known if Brad Johnson, 27, his wife, Sheryl, 23, and their daughter, Brianna, were killed by the crash or by exposure.

The Johnsons were flying from Port Alsworth to Anchorage on

Saturday when they told air traffic controllers they were lost and low on fuel.

National Guardsmen had tried since Saturday to reach the site, 45 miles south of North America's tallest peak, but were turned back by high winds and snow.

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# Fair helps with jobs, internships

By SARA ROSOLOWSKI  
Staff writer

Representatives from 142 companies will be at the annual Spring Career Day/Job Fair to help students make contacts for jobs and internship opportunities.

The job fair will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Grand Ballroom, Union Ballroom and walkway of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Opportunities for internships, summer jobs and part-time and full-time employment will be available, said Shirley Stewart, director of student services and career services.

Stewart said the job fair has been helpful for students making initial contacts for jobs. She said many employers also conduct prescreening interviews.

Companies that will be represented during the job fair include Caterpillar, Addison Police Department, Sarah Bush-Lincoln Health Center, Norwest Financial and Aerotek.

Fields such as mathematics, journalism, social science, zoology and speech communication will be represented.

Stewart said the job fair is offered to all students, regardless of their year in school. She said older students can find job and internship opportunities, and younger students can learn what courses employers look for in prospective workers.

# New catalog computers to be installed in library

SCOTT BOEHMER  
Campus editor

Eighteen new computers will be installed in Booth Library by spring 1998 in order to accommodate a new online card catalog system.

The computers will be set up throughout the library, with some of them replacing the existing computers in the online catalog area of the library. Those computers will only be used as online catalogs.

John Whisler, the head of cataloging services for Booth Library, said the new system will run off the World Wide Web and replace the existing Illinet catalog system. Both the old and new system are run by the Illinois Library Computer Systems consortium of 45 libraries.

The system will feature a new graphical user interface, faster access to information and other features designed to make it easier to use, Whisler said.

The new system also will allow students to directly access their circulation information with a password. Currently students are restricted to looking up information, but with the new system they will be able to ensure their address information is up to date and get information on books that the library has checked out.

Whisler also said the new system will eliminate the current practice of checking materials out to students from other libraries before the materials arrive at Booth Library.

Nackil Sung, head of library computers, said the new machines

may be Gateway Pentium computers, but he did not know specifically what models or what software features would be included. He said those details depend in part upon what specifications are recommended by Data Research Associates, the company designing the system.

The computers will be paid for partially by a \$27,800 grant from the Higher Education Cooperation Act. The grant is a portion of one split up among the 45 member institutions of the Illinois Library Computer Systems consortium.

Other costs, including the installation of the new computers, will be paid for by the library's operating budget, Whisler said.

The new system also requires the computers be networked, Sung said. This work is being done as part of a \$13,000 installation of Local Area Network connections and technology outlets throughout the library, said Allan Lanham, dean of library services.

"Right now (the catalog) computers are just serially connected but the new system requires (that) each computer must connect to the network," Sung said.

Whisler said the library consortium has been working on the new system for four or five years. The new mainframe computers for the system have already been purchased and installed in Chicago, he said.

The 18 new computers are being purchased in addition to 19 new computers that were purchased over winter break. All of the new computers will be able to access the new online system.

# 'Stop Smoking' program to be presented

Students and faculty can learn strategies and get resources Thursday to help them quit smoking.

Keith Wilson, associate professor of psychology, will present a program titled, "Stop Smoking" at noon Thursday in the Kansas Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"The program has been shown

to be effective but it is not necessarily effective for everyone," Wilson said.

He said the focus of the program is to give people the skills and resources to help them quit.

"This is more to get the ball rolling (towards quitting smoking) and they will have the opportunity to have two free follow-up consultations," Wilson said.

Wilson said he also will discuss factors that hinder a person's ability to quit smoking.

"People tend to think smoking is due to biological factors ... research has shown a lot of environmental factors sparks cravings," he said.

"(I will) help people anticipate situations and help them find out what they can do to avoid relapsing."

# CAA to continue discussion of new courses

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday will continue to discuss adding classes to the history and journalism departments.

The CAA will meet at 2 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The new course proposals are HIS 4600 - The

Holocaust and JOU/SPC 3953 - Sports and the media. Each of these courses was tabled from last week's meeting.

CAA members also will hear two proposals from the philosophy department, PHI 3700 - Language and Human Nature and PHI 3750 - Social and Political Philosophy.



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# Gay rights rejected by council

## Accused of 'moral cowardice,' discrimination

GALESBURG(AP) - A gay rights organization accused the Galesburg City Council of "moral cowardice" Tuesday for rejecting an ordinance making it illegal to discriminate against homosexuals.

The council unanimously rejected the proposal, which was supported by the city's Human Relations Commission.

Rick Garcia, executive director of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, condemned the vote - particularly because it was

taken without discussion.

"Taking a vote without any discussion or testimony demonstrated rank arrogance and moral cowardice," he said. "The council members should be ashamed." The ordinance would have added sexual orientation to the protected categories of race, color, gender, religion and disability.

Local resident Paul Steenis said the council's decision Monday "gave a very clear message that this is not a community where

everyone is welcome." But the Rev. Bruce King of St. Patrick's Catholic Church said the ordinance would have put a stamp of approval on homosexuality.

He said the community still must fight discrimination against gays and others but doesn't need an ordinance to do so.

"I think the community has rejected one way, but there's work still ahead of us to achieve a non-gay-bashing atmosphere," King said.

# Reward withdrawn in Cosby case

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Honoring a request from Bill Cosby that no taxpayer money be used, Los Angeles County withdrew a \$12,500 reward Tuesday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his son's killer.

The Board of Supervisors dropped the offer in a 5-0 vote.

"We should respect the family's wishes," Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke said.

Ennis Cosby, 27, was shot to death Jan. 16 while changing a tire along a road. The county

posted the reward days later.

In a statement last week, Bill Cosby and his wife, Camille, said: "We do not wish to utilize taxpayer money for the reward. We do extend our heartfelt appreciation for the intent of both government officials and the taxpayers." Other rewards totaling \$375,000 have been posted: \$200,000 from the parent company of The Globe, the supermarket tabloid; \$100,000 from the National Enquirer; \$50,000 from the state; and \$25,000 from the city.

# Justice Department sues Milwaukee

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department sued the city of Milwaukee on Tuesday for blocking construction of a senior citizen facility allegedly because it would mainly serve American Indians.

In a suit filed in U.S. District Court in Milwaukee, the government alleged the city violated the Fair Housing Act by refusing to grant a permit for nonprofit groups to build a facility to house and serve elderly Native Americans.

The department alleged the city's Common Council denied the permit to prevent Indians

from living in Milwaukee.

"While cities have a right to control their local zoning, they cannot allow their zoning decisions to be influenced by racial bias," said Isabelle Katz Pinzler, acting assistant attorney general in charge of the civil rights division.

The Indian Council of the Elderly Inc., a nonprofit group serving the Milwaukee area, contracted to purchase a lot in southwest Milwaukee. Along with the School Sisters of St. Francis and the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, the group intended to build and operate a 49-unit hous-

ing complex and meal site for elderly Indians and other senior citizens.

The Indian Council requested a zoning variance to develop the housing.

In April 1994, the City Planning Commission unanimously approved the proposal as meeting all technical requirements, but the following month, the Common Council denied the request.

The government asked the court to order the city to let the Indian Council and its partners to build the center on the original site and pay damages and civil penalties.

# Teen accused of threatening own family

COATESVILLE, Pa. (AP) - The rocks broke windows and carried racial slurs that threatened to burn the house down if the black family didn't move.

Police were so alarmed they considered posting a guard. Now they've charged someone: the family's 14-year-old son.

The teen-ager was trying to frighten his mother into moving out of East Fallowfield Township in eastern Pennsylvania, said Police Chief Peter Mango.

He wanted to move because his mother had punished him for fighting with neighborhood children by curtailing his play time outside and he wanted to ride his bike more, Mango said.

The teen-ager was arrested Monday night and charged with making false reports to police. Authorities do not plan to push for detention, only to make sure he gets counseling, Mango said.

Since Jan. 28, three rocks were thrown at the family's house, two with racist messages attached and

one that broke a window.

Another rock wrapped in a racist message hit the home the next day.

A fifth rock was found Monday.

The message on one rock read: "Don't leave you're kids home alone." Another threatened to burn the house down if the family did not move before Friday.

The boy lived at the house with his mother and 8-year-old brother. Authorities did not release his name because of his age.

The boy came under suspicion because his fingerprints were on the messages, even one he said he hadn't touched, the police chief said. Police also couldn't find any evidence of a dispute between the family and anyone in the largely white and Hispanic working-class neighborhood.

When confronted, the boy confessed and may have actually tossed the rocks out of his second-floor bedroom window, Mango said.

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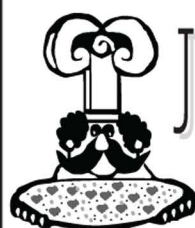
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said. "I think I would bring a lot of energy to this job and you have to be able to market the program and do a good job with fundraising.

"I don't think that is being done completely and I've listened to people talk today who want to see this change. Working together to do this will prove beneficial for the athletic program and you have to be able to get the coaches and administration on the same page."

But Aceto points out that you have to start from scratch before improving on college athletics.

"Before you start anything you have to find out if athletics is part of the school's plan," Aceto said. "Then you can either work with the (school) administration or you can work alone. I have done both and have been successful at both."

Gender equity is important to Aceto, though.

"In Florida our school (Florida International) was first in the state in equity and the number of sports teams were even," Aceto said. "The women's and men's

sports budgets were pretty close to 50-50 and so I'm use to that.

"I raised a son and daughter and treated them equally not because I wanted to. The same aspect applies to complying with gender equity, I wanted to do this. The needs have to be met. If it takes more money to add a sport then we have to without making cuts."

Aceto also mentioned that improvements can be made to Eastern athletics.

"I think the move to the Ohio Valley Conference was a good one but I think upgrading the non-conference basketball schedule a little bit by playing some big-name teams would be good. They could even be guarantee games."

Aceto added that the athletic facilities need to be maintained.

"We have to keep the facilities looking good," Aceto said. "I'm not talking about spending millions of dollars, I'm talking about things like paint jobs and keeping the facilities we have like the track and football stadium in good condition."

Aceto has been the athletic director at Florida International since 1993. He also served as the athletic director at Villanova University from 1974-1993.

He also worked as the principal of Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio.

Besides having athletic director experience at the Division I level, Aceto is also associated with several affiliations.

Aceto is a member of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Sports committee and he is also the chairman of the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament and membership committees.

While working at Villanova, Aceto was on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Sports Council and also served on the Big East Executive Council.

Aceto earned his doctorate's in Education Administration in 1971 from Bowling Green State in Ohio and earned his masters in Secondary Administration in 1965 from Villanova. Aceto also earned his bachelors in education from Villanova in 1963.

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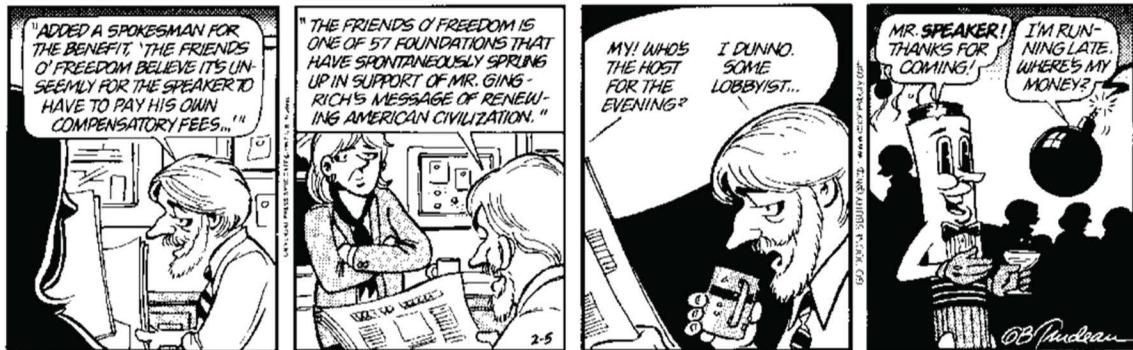
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hard work and dedication.

"It was three or four months before I could walk again and I went six or seven months with no physical activity," Meece said. "It was a long road this summer and I came back to get All-Conference in cross country after beginning at the zero stage in fitness."

Contrary to what the doctors said, Meece is running again and is finishing in the top 10 in the events he runs in during track season while also finishing in the top 10 in during the cross country season.

He had three big races during the cross country season. He was the No. 2 man at the EIU Invitational with a time of 20:06 and took 21st at Illinois with a time of 26:11. His big finish happened at the Ohio Valley Conference meet where he came in seventh place.

"In cross country he's done well beyond what we ever expected, cross country coach John McInerney said. "When he came to talk to me he was 10 to 15 pounds overweight and he didn't even look like a runner. In track he has used the first three or four weeks getting his feet back down and we hope he will come around in the next couple of

weeks and make some noise at conference time."

Meece is starting the track season just how he ended the cross country season. Two weekends ago he won the 1000 meter run with a time of 2:36.29 and he finished eighth in the mile run at the team's first meet of the year.

"I am very pleased with the way Ryan has run," track head coach Tom Akers said. "He came in here last year hurt and was not able to do much running. He worked really hard this summer and I hope he continues to make progress."

Akers has big expectations for Meece to perform at the end of the year.

"I feel he will be ready to run the mile at around the 4:20 mark and be one of the leaders in the conference," Akers said. "In the outdoor season where he will help out most is the 1500 and the 5000 meters. I believe his best still remains to be seen. He is a very consistent, hard worker with a great attitude."

It is not only Akers that has big expectations, Meece also has some for himself.

"I've gotten a lot of PR's this year and I'm hoping to keep improving and help the team win the conference championship," he said. "I know I will be running in at least two events at conference."

Other teammates are also very impressed with the way Meece has run so far this year.

"He has run very well so far and he has had the second fastest mile this track season," track runner Rich Arsenault said. "He's worked very hard to get back to where he is now and he has done a really good job."

Both coaches agree he has recovered from his injury, but he still has to work on one thing.

"Now he has to regain what he lost from a year and a half out of track; the confidence he gained in cross country has to be transferred over to track," McInerney said. "Obviously you can't gain everything back in eight to 10 weeks so he still has to get used to the pushing and shoving that goes on in track."

Akers said that distance running is not an event that you can just come back and be able to get first place in.

"Distance running takes years of training and he has missed out of a year and half of that training so there is still a lot more to be seen from him," he said. "With consistent working his times will get faster."

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said he is well aware of the fact that these three teams will have upset on their minds.

The Colonels (2-9 in the OVC, 4-15 overall) are weighted down in last place in the OVC since they have now lost 10 straight conference games, their most recent setback being a 91-58 loss to Middle Tennessee.

Tennessee-Martin is in eighth with a 4-7 OVC mark and an overall record of 7-13 while Morehead State is taking up space in the ninth place position with a 3-7 mark in the conference and a 5-13 mark overall.

Regardless of whether or not the Panthers' next road trip was against the top three or lower three conference teams, Samuels is quick to mention that leadership is going to play a big part in the success his team has in the final stretch of the season.

"We need leadership from our veterans," Samuels said. "We have guys like (Rick) Kaye, (Chad) Peckinpugh and Idris (Osei-Agyeman who have experience and they are our veteran players. I don't think Conya Robinson is going to let us down either."

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# Lady Cagers win shootout

## Women's team won three-point battle against Tennessee State

By **DREW GRANGER**  
Staff writer

In Monday night's game against Tennessee State, the women's basketball team was faced with a barrage of long range shots that could have blown the game wide open.

Good thing for Eastern the shots were off target.

Despite not really participating themselves, the Lady Panthers won the battle of the three-pointers since the Tigers came up empty on several three-point attempts.

The Lady Tigers did hit on more three-pointers than the Lady Panthers. Tennessee State converted on 9-of-27 attempts from behind the arc. The Lady Panthers hit on only three three-pointers. Of course, they only shot four.

"I think we took three-point shots at good points," said Eastern head coach John Klein. "When the shot clock was running down. Except for Angie(Patzner), she took that shot



John Klein

with seven seconds left on the clock. I think in the future she'll pass on that shot."

Klein believes Tennessee State shot three's better in the first meeting between the two teams.

"I kind of thought that they put more three-pointers up in the first game," he said. "(Connie) Swift hurt us more from the three-point line last time."

Eastern's control of the game's tempo worked against the Lady Tigers.

"I think what happened was we slowed pace down," Klein said. "They were geared to run the ball."

"I think we did a good job in our half court offense," he said. "They were forced to play in a half court offense. They really can't go inside with their smaller lineup, and they were forced to shot the outside shot."

Tennessee State junior forward Tequilla Holloway hit on four of her nine attempts from the line. Sophomore forward Schondra Moore came of the bench and hit 3-of-4 from behind the arc in 16 minutes of play.

Swift, who hit the Lady Panthers hard in their first meeting, went 0-for-3 from three-

point range. Sophomore guard Cari Hassel, the Lady Tigers second leading scorer, hit only three shots all night and went 2-for-9 from three-point land.

Tennessee State did hit at some critical times. Trailing midway through the first half, the Lady Tigers hit three three-pointers to tie the game.

During this four-minute stretch, the only other points Tennessee State was able to get were three points on free-throws.

As a team, Tennessee State came into the game shooting 30.4 percent from beyond the arc.

Eastern did not have a leader in points from behind the arc. The Lady Panthers had three players hit one trey apiece, Patzner, junior forward Barбора Garbova, and freshman forward Kate Atkinson.

Garbova hit her three as part of a 16-2 run in the second half that put the Lady Panthers ahead for good.

Patzner turned her three into a four. After getting fouled on a successful three-pointer, Patzner drained the free-throw.

In fact the parting shots of the game were three balls. Patzner put up her three with just five ticks left on the clock. The final basket of the game was a three-pointer for Tennessee State, made by Holloway.

# Grappler Hughes comes back from injury, drops match

By **CHAD MERDA**  
Staff writer

Sometimes for elite athlete, a loss is more beneficial than a win.

That is how Matt Hughes views only his second loss of the season when he competed in the 31st annual National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Classic on Monday at Clarion University (Penn.). Hughes (158, 29-2) faced off against Edinboro's (Pa.) No. 5 ranked Tony Robie.

Hughes struggled to keep the score close but eventually fell 8-4.

"It probably helped me out more than it hurt me," Hughes said. "It doesn't bother me that much that I lost."

Only 12 seconds into the match, Robie earned a takedown and jumped out to a 2-0 lead. Hughes then earned one point for an escape, closing the gap to 2-1. Robie then took control.

"(The early takedown) had a big effect but I tried not to let it bother me," Hughes said. "I'm not used to that."

With 1:15 left in the first period Hughes got involved in what head coach Ralph McCausland called a "flurry" and fell victim to another Robie takedown. In the same sequence of events, Robie also earned two near fall points, extending his lead to 6-1.

Hughes then earned an escape with :57 left in the period to bring the score to 6-2.

After a high scoring first period, the second was scoreless. In the third Hughes fought back with an escape. Robie was warned for stalling and with :10 seconds left was warned again and Hughes was awarded a point, closing the gap to 6-4.

Hughes then needed an escape and the riding time advantage to tie the score at 6-6, but Hughes lost the riding time, and with only five seconds left in the match Robie scored on another takedown to extend his lead and bring the final score to 8-4.

"He started off a little bit slow and couldn't play catch up," McCausland said.

Previously this season Hughes and Robie wrestled at the Midlands tournament and Hughes said that Robie was better prepared, and knew his style of wrestling.

McCausland was impressed with the event overall. "I had no preplanned expectations on it," McCausland said. "They did a class job at setting it up."

"It was a packed gym with people who loved wrestling." Hughes had a different take on the situation.

"It wasn't as big of a deal as I thought it would be," Hughes said. "I wasn't as impressed."

With the loss Hughes said it will most likely drop him from a third seed at nationals to fifth or sixth but he does not see that as being a major obstacle.

"It opened my eyes," Hughes said. "Now I can concentrate on what I need to do at nationals."

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such as Illinois and Purdue when the likely outcome is going to be a loss.

Wrestling is a unique sport that during the regular season, dual meet victories are not very meaningful. McCausland treats the season as preparation for the national tournament.

McCausland's philosophy is that he wants his Panthers to continually see the best opponents week in and week out, so when they reach regionals and nationals, there will be no surprises and they will be better prepared.

Recently that philosophy has worked. Last year the Panthers finished with a 5-6 record but still managed to place 32nd in the nation – their highest finish ever.

With only three dual meets left on the season schedule, the best the Panthers can finish is 5-5 and can very easily finish with a losing record. They can also once again have their highest finish ever at the national tournament.

Both Pena and Hughes have been there before – they know what to expect.

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## Confidence, morale rising for grapplers

After starting off the season 0-5 it looked as though the Panther wrestling team was going to be in for a long second half of the season.

As the losses mounted so did a difference of opinion between player and coach.

Head coach Ralph McCausland kept a positive outlook, as he should have, because negativity could have only hurt the team more. On the other hand, two-time national qualifier Dave Pena (118, 13-3) said something had to be done and that he was sick of losing.

And something was done – mainly easier competition and less injuries.

The Panthers have come to the stretch in their schedule where they will not see any more Big Ten schools like Northwestern, No. 6 ranked Illinois or top 20 Purdue.

A 1-6 Northern Illinois team or troubled Chicago State team that forfeits six out of 10 matches just doesn't compare.

Nevertheless, the Panthers are now riding a two-match win streak. That has to do something for the confidence. The 0-5 start by the Panthers and current 2-5 record is misleading – they are much better than it would appear.

When going up against a team that is the sixth best in the nation, it is fair to reason that the Panthers will not come out with a victory, especially when the top gun on the team, Matt Hughes (158, 29-2), is sitting out with injury.

But then again no one probably expected the 38-0 mauling that occurred at the hands of Illinois.

Luck has not been something the Panthers have had on their side.

In the 20-15 loss to Purdue, all the Panthers needed was one more match victory. Keep in mind that two matches, by Curtis Owen (177, 5-13) and Tim Duggan (167, 7-15), were lost by a total of three points.

The Panthers have also been unlucky in respect to injuries. It took the Panthers until their fifth dual meet to be able to wrestle a full healthy lineup.

Pena, John Wells (134, 12-8) and Tim Stringer (14-7) all sat out and the team clearly suffered. Pena was perhaps the biggest key because the Panthers look to him to win his match to get the Panthers off to a quick lead and build momentum in the match.

With all the injuries, the Panthers did not have a chance to come together as a team. Now they do.

One may ask why McCausland would continually schedule teams

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## 'I think experience is necessary'



**SARAH WONG/** Assoc. Photo editor  
*Eastern athletic director candidate Ted Aceto answers questions Tuesday in the 1895 room. Aceto, the third of four candidates to be interviewed for the position, is scheduled to depart campus today.*

## AD candidate anxious for challenges

By **BRIAN LESTER**  
Sports editor

Florida International University athletic director Ted Aceto believes his experience at the Division I level could prove beneficial to Panther athletics – if he ends up landing the position at Eastern.

"I think experience is a necessary for this business because you expect an athletic director to be a superman because you have to deal with things like compliance and marketing and my experience at Villanova has benefited me," Aceto, who spent 19 years at Villanova University, said Tuesday night.

"At Villanova I was there when we first joined the Big East. It (joining it) was sort of a coup because it was done to

bring exposure to the school. I was at Villanova when the teams first came onto the sports scene and the teams really got off the ground because there were guys like Patrick Ewing and Chris Mullen playing in the Big East.

"I was proud of the student athletes I came into contact with while I was there and we had at one time we had an 88 percent graduation rate; it was the best school both academically and athletically.

Aceto, the third of four finalists vying for the vacant athletic director position at Eastern, met with both members of the Eastern and Charleston community Tuesday afternoon and his visit to campus will come to a close today.

As for what Aceto believes is the key to maintaining a strong budget at Eastern, the New Jersey native said getting as many people as possible involved is important.

"You have to have a director who will get the people involved and get the job done," Aceto

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## Harrier beats odds to compete again

### Meece triumphs over injury, rehab after ATV accident

By **MATT WILSON**  
Staff writer

It is not that often you hear about a track athlete that had his foot run over and then is able to return to the track team, but Ryan Meece is one of those rare athletes.

"During the summer (of 1995) I was a passenger in the back of an ATV and my foot got caught on the back tire and a large portion of my foot got mangled," Meece said. "The doctors said that I would never be able to run again."

The recovery from this injury took a lot of

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*Ryan Meece (left) takes the baton from teammate Cory Finn during practice Tuesday in the Lantz Fieldhouse. Meece overcame an injury as the result of an ATV accident, in which doctors told him that he would never walk again.*

## Panthers grateful for recent home victory

### Hoops team captures contest after dropping two consecutive games

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Monday night's 82-74 victory over Tennessee State was exactly what the Panther men's basketball team was looking for after dropping two straight on its home floor.

The Panthers were effective from all aspects in this Ohio Valley Conference contest, as they wound up shooting 43 percent from the field while managing to hit 33 percent of their shots from three-point land.

Part of the reason behind Eastern's attack from inside and outside the arc was that Eastern was able to break down Tennessee State's zone defense.

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"(John) Smith pinned the zone and they collapsed, giving us the chance to find (Marc) Polite or whoever was open on the outside," Samuels said after Monday's game.

More importantly, though, the Panthers missed just six free throws in Monday's game en route to connecting on 24-of-30 shots from the charity stripe.

In comparison, Tennessee State only made 10 trips to the line and hit seven of those freebies.

So with the Panthers able to salvage the last contest of a three-game homestand behind a shooting performance that resulted in four players reaching double figures, including 19 points by Polite – the Ohio Valley Conference

Rookie of the Week – the players are now going to have two days off – a much deserved two days off according to Polite.

"Coaches are going to give us two days off and then we'll come back Thursday to get ready for Saturday's game," Polite said. "We were able to get this game so now we'll have a little momentum going on the road and try to put together another streak."

Piecing together this streak will be key for the third-place Panthers (7-4 in the OVC, 10-9 overall) since this will be the final multi-game road trip of the season for Eastern. The trip begins with a 3:15 p.m. Saturday game against Eastern Kentucky.

The Panthers also face Morehead State and Tennessee-Martin on the road trip.

One of the more interesting aspects of this trip, though, is that the Panthers will face the three teams that occupy the last three spots in the conference standings – a fact that could either help or hurt the Panthers since Samuels

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